

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

35. (currently amended) A depot with an automatic storing system for articles with at least one input and one delivery station, ~~whereby wherein said~~ at least one of said input stations ~~station~~ comprises at least two cells and each of said at least two cells is ~~usable~~ used alternatively ~~once at one time as a~~ loading cell for the receipt of a new article and ~~at another the other time as a~~ transfer station for transfer of an article previously received onto said storing system of an article received before, wherein:

each cell used as a loading cell is positioned in a first position and each cell used as a transfer station is positioned in a position different from said first position;

the first position is identical for each cell used as a loading cell; and

each cell used as a transfer station is operable to transfer an article onto the storing system at the same time an article is received by a cell used as a loading cell. for an allowing of a receipt of a new article substantially at the same time and parallel to a transferring of the previously received article onto the storing system, wherein said depot is designed in such manner that each cell has during the receipt of an article a first position and during the transferring of an article onto the storing system a position different from said first position.

36. (previously presented) The depot according to claims 35, wherein said cells of said input station form a unit which is positionable into at least two positions.

37. (previously presented) The depot according to claim 35, wherein said cells are displaceable in a vertical direction.

38. (previously presented) The depot according to claim 35, wherein said input station includes two cells of which each is displaceable between two positions.

39. (previously presented) The depot according to claim 35, wherein at least one of said

cells comprises means for a rotating of said article.

40. (currently amended) The depot according to claim 35, wherein ~~it~~ said depot is designed for a selective operation of at least one of said input stations as delivery station.

41. (previously presented) The depot according to claim 35, wherein ~~it~~ said depot is designed for a selective operation of at least one delivery station as input station.

42. (currently amended) The depot according to claim 35, with a shelf like structure and at least one moveable shelf serving apparatus, wherein besides said moveable shelf serving apparatuses, ~~driven stationary displacement means are foreseen for a displacing~~ displace of articles in said depot system and/or ~~for a storing~~ store of articles on storing places of said depot system and/or ~~for a delivering~~ deliver of articles from said depot places of said depot system.

43. (currently amended) The depot according to claim 35, wherein stationary displacement means are foreseen for a transferring of said articles from said cells to said depot ~~automatic sorting~~ system and/or vice versa, and/or for a transferring of said articles from said ~~depot automatic storing~~ system to at least one delivery station and/or vice versa.

44. (currently amended) The depot according to claim 43, wherein said depot is ~~designed in such a manner that a transferring of~~ transfers an article between a loading station, an input station or a delivery station ~~of said depot, wherein and~~ said stationary displacement means ~~may proceeds~~ at the same vertical position as during a transferring between said loading station, said input station or said delivery station and a user.

45. (currently amended) The depot according to claim 43, wherein it is designed in such a manner that a transferring between a loading station, an input station or a delivery station of said depot and said stationary displacement means coincides with the direction ~~and/or~~ is oriented transverse to the direction of a transferring between said station and a user.

46. (previously presented) The depot according to claim 35, wherein it comprises at

least one stationary lifting means for a vertical displacing of articles in said depot system.

47. (previously presented) An application of the depot according to claim 35 as parking house for vehicles.

48. (currently amended) A depot with at least two shelf serving apparatuses, wherein said shelf serving apparatuses ~~comprise transfer means for a direct transfer of~~ at least one article between said shelf serving apparatuses.

49. (currently amended) The depot according to claim 48, wherein said shelf serving apparatuses comprise at least one receiving place ~~places~~ place for a temporary storing of articles, wherein ~~and~~ at least a first of said shelf serving apparatuses comprises more receiving places than a second shelf serving apparatus, ~~and specifically wherein~~ said second shelf serving apparatus comprises ~~only one~~ a single receiving place.

50. (previously presented) The depot according to claim 49, wherein said receiving places of said shelf serving apparatuses are moveable vertically, and specifically in that they are moveable in a vertical direction independent from each other.

51. (currently amended) The depot according to claim 48, wherein ~~said transfer means are designed for the possibility of a transfer of~~ at least one article is transferred during a moving operation of said shelf serving apparatuses.

52. (previously presented) The depot according to claim 48, wherein it comprises at least one stationary lifting means for a vertical displacing of articles in said depot system.

53. (previously presented) An application of the depot according to claim 48 as parking house for vehicles.

Claims 54-69 (canceled).

70. (new) A method for operating a depot with an automatic storing system for articles with at least one input and one delivery station, whereby said at least one input station comprises at least two cells and each of said at least two cells is usable alternatively once as loading cell for the receipt of a new article and the other time as transfer station for transferring an article previously received onto said storing system, wherein each cell for receiving an article is positioned in a first position and each cell for transferring a received article onto the storing system is positioned in a position different from said first position, wherein the first position is identical for all cells of the input station, and wherein while an article is received by one of the cells of the input station an article previously received by another cell of the cells of the input station is transferred onto the storing system.